

Howard

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The Maxleys of Virginia

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Strahan Family

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Sherry Owens

From: Nettles, Evelyn <enettles1@Tnstate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 2:59 PM
To: Sherry Owens
Subject: RE: Howard Family Tree

Thanks so much for your help.

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From: Sherry Owens [mailto:pggen1@jgrls.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 2:41 PM
To: Nettles, Evelyn
Subject: RE: Howard Family Tree

Dear Ms. Nettles,

Ms Owens is on vacation this week and I will be glad to help you if I get a chance to get to it. Unfortunately, we don't have a substitute working for Sherry and I'm very busy helping people who have traveled many miles on summer break to come to our library. I'm recording our email requests and will certainly get to them if it slows down and I can get to it. I just wanted to answer you and thank you for your interest. From your email, it looks like maybe Sherry has helped you before in the past. I will look to see if I can find a marriage for Georgianna and Robert Howard and hope that we can find her maiden name. And hopefully we'll be able to determine whether they are the parents of Robert S. Howard.

Sincerely,

Renee Hague
Local History and Genealogy

From: Nettles, Evelyn [mailto:enettles1@Tnstate.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 9:29 AM
To: Sherry Owens
Subject: FW: Howard Family Tree

Ms Owens,

I am contacting you once more to determine if you can assist me with obtaining information about the Howard side of my family. I am interested in finding out about

Georgianna Howard b. Nov 15, 1845-June 14, 1942 in Mississippi ; she was married to Robert Howard 1847-1912? Born in Alabama.

I am attempting to determine if they are the parents of Robert S. Howard 1866-1947 . Robert S. was married to Isabelle (Belle) Williams and they were the parents of my maternal grandfather Jeff Addison Howard. I would also like to find her maiden name.

I would appreciate any help you can give me.

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HUSBAND'S NAME SAMUEL JOSEPH HOWARD

When Born DEC. 29, 1942 Where BURLINGTON, N.C.

Christened _____ Where _____

When Died _____ Where _____

When Buried DEC. 17, 1971 Where CHATS WORTH, GA

Other Wives (if any) _____

His Father SAMUEL JACKSON HOWARD His Mother's Maiden Name WILLIE RAE MAPLES

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME BEVERLY SHARON PIPKINS

When Born MAR. 20, 1949 Where MOBILE, ALA.

Christened _____ Where _____

When Died _____ Where _____

When Buried _____ Where _____

Other Husb. (if any) _____

Her Father RAYFORD PIPKINS Her Mother's Maiden Name DOBA ALVONETTE McLEOD

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	When Born			Where Born		Married to	When Married			When Died			Where Buried		State or County
		Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Town or Place	County	
F	1	LATISHA KATE	13	5	1975	PASCAGOULA	JACKSON	MS								
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(Husband's Full Name)

(Wife's Maiden Name)

Date APR. 2, 1971
Compiler Samuel Patrick Stewart
Address P.O. BOX 615
City HEARSTVILLE State MS

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HUSBANDS NAME JOSEPH HOWARD

When Born 1850 Where CARRICKFERGUS, N. IRELAND

Christened MARCH 28, 1898 Where NEW YORK, N.Y.

When Died MARCH 28, 1898 Where WOODLAWN CEMETARY, NEW YORK

When Buried CA. 1868 Where NEW YORK, N.Y.

When Married CA. 1868 Where NEW YORK, N.Y.

Other Wives (if any) JESSE HOWARD His Mother's Maiden Name MARY ELIZA PICKEN

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME MARY MCCORD

When Born CA. 1851 Where IRELAND

Christened APRIL 10, 1898 Where NEW YORK, N.Y.

When Died APRIL 10, 1898 Where WOODLAWN CEMETARY, NEW YORK

When Buried CA. 1868 Where NEW YORK, N.Y.

Other Wives (if any) JESSE HOWARD His Mother's Maiden Name MARY ELIZA PICKEN

Information on this sheet obtained from
BIBLE OF SAMUEL JACKSON
HOWARD, FROM HIS PASTOR,
GEORGE W.B. BIRCH,
BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, 420 E. 137th ST.,
NEW YORK, N.Y.
NEW YORK, N.Y.
FLORENCE M. FISHEL,
ARCOLA, ILLINOIS,
FK, CT, NY

Date Sept. 5, 1981
Compiler Howard Jackson
Address P.O. Box 215
City LEAKESVILLE State MS

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	Day	When Born Month Year	Town or Place	Where Born County	State or Country	Married to	Day	When Married Month Year	Day	When Died Month Year	Town or Place	Where Buried County	State or Country
F	1 JANE	2	12	1878	NEW YORK	N.Y.								
F	2 LOUISA BIRCH	14	12	1880	NEW YORK	N.Y.								
F	3 ELLEN LOUISE			1883	NEW YORK	N.Y.								
M	4 JESSE	10	5	1884	NEW YORK	N.Y.								
M	5 JOSEPH	4	1	1886	NEW YORK	N.Y.	(NEVER MARRIED)							
F	6 FLORENCE ELLEN PICKEN	3	3	1888	NEW YORK	N.Y.	CLARENCE BROWN JOINER				11	1964	MACON MEM. PK., ROCKFORD	GA
M	7 ROBERT PICKEN	29	9	1889	NEW YORK	N.Y.	CHARA OPIZZI MEREDITH							
M	8 JAMES DAVID	17	5	1892	NEW YORK	N.Y.	ADDIE MIATONE				11	1964	MACON MEM. PK., SCOTLAND	GA
M	9 SAMUEL	29	9	1896	NEW YORK	N.Y.	WILLIE RAE MAPLES	2	2	1935	21	3	1960	GREENE MS
	10													
	11													
	12													
	13													

(It is assumed that the first four children died young or were separated from the other children soon after their parents death at nothing further is known of them)

HUSBAND'S NAME ALEXANDER GALLOWAY

When Born JULY 5, 1803 Where KINGHORN, FIFE COUNTY, SCOTLAND

Christened JUNE 24, 1889 Where JACKSON CO., MS

When Died JUNE 24, 1889 Where JACKSON CO., MS

When Buried CA, 1840 Where ROSEDALE CH. CEMETARY, JACKSON CO., MS

When Married CA, 1840 Where MOBILE, ALA.

Other, Wife (if any)

His Father: DAVID GALLOWAY His Mother's Maiden Name: KATEREN MELDRUM

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME CATHERINE (KATY) MCLEAN

When Born OCT. 18, 1812 Where KERSHAW CO., S. C.

Christened JAN. 11, 1907 Where JACKSON CO., MS

When Died JAN. 11, 1907 Where ROSEDALE CH. CEMETARY, JACKSON CO., MS

When Buried ROSEDALE CH. CEMETARY, JACKSON CO., MS

Other, Wife (if any)

Her Father: JOHN MCLEAN Her Mother's Maiden Name: SARAH MCLEOD

Information on this sheet obtained from

JAMES SANDERS + SARAH (GALLOWAY) WOODARD'S BIBLE

KINGHORN, FIFE COUNTY, SCOTLAND PARISH REGISTER

ROSEDALE CHURCH CEMETARY, JACKSON CO., MS.

WOODARD CEMETARY, GEORGE CO., MS.

WOODARD CEMETARY, GEORGE CO., MS.

(Husband's Full Name)
(Wife's Maiden Name)
(Occupation)
Date CECIL L. WOODARD, JR
Compiled 904 PLACID COURT
Address BOWIE
City State MD

The Woodard Cemetery is about 3 miles north of Bayley, which is located on Hwy 98. Rosedale Church is close to the Woodard end is about one mile west of Hwy 613. James Sanders + Sarah Jane McLeod are listed in addition.

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	When Born Day Month Year	Where Born Town or Place County State or Country	Married to	When Married Day Month Year	When Died Day Month Year	Where Buried Town or Place County State or Country
F	1 MARY ELIZABETH	10 11 1841	JACKSON MS	RICHARD ROBERTS	10 11 1859	6 4 1922	ROBERTS CHAPEL MOBILE ALA.
F	2 SARAH JANE	29 2 1844	JACKSON MS	JAMES SANDERS WOODARD	2 11 1871	2 12 1929	WOODARD GEORGE MS
M	3 ROBERT COOK	11 2 1846	JACKSON MS	SARAH JANE HELESTON	CA. 1868	30 6 1933	ROSEDALE CHURCH JACKSON MS
F	4 CATHERINE ISABELLE	7 8 1848	JACKSON MS	(NEVER MARRIED)		23 11 1930	WOODARD GEORGE MS
F	5 ANNIE WALKER	18 9 1849	JACKSON MS	JAMES S. HELESTON		12 5 1880	GIBSON GEORGE MS
M	6 DAVID ALEXANDER	31 8 1852	JACKSON MS	SUSAN G. CARTER		3 1 1924	ROSEDALE CHURCH JACKSON MS
M	7 JOHN DUNCAN	10 1 1853	JACKSON MS	(NEVER MARRIED)		13 4 1916	ROSEDALE CHURCH JACKSON MS
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BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

No 224370

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

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1. PLACE OF BIRTH:		Registration District No. 01.02		Certificate No. 4857	
(a) County Alamance	(b) Township Burlington	2. HOME (USUAL RESIDENCE) OF MOTHER: Caswell			
(c) City or town	(d) Street, hospital or institution Alamance General	(a) State N.C.			
(e) Is place of birth within town limits? NO	(f) Is place of residence within town limits? NO	(b) City or town Prospect Hill, N.C.			
3. FULL NAME OF CHILD Samuel Joseph Howard		(c) Street and No. or RFD			
4. Sex M		5. Twin or triplet		6. Month of pregnancy 9	
7. Is mother married? YES		8. Date of birth 12-29-42		9. Year 1942	
10. Full name of FATHER OF CHILD Samuel Jackson Howard		11. MOTHER OF CHILD Willie Ray Maples			
12. Color or race W		13. Age at time of birth 46 yrs.			
14. Birthplace New York City		15. Age at time of birth 37 yrs.			
16. Usual occupation Agriculture Teacher		17. Usual occupation domestic			
18. Industry or business Prospect Hill High School		19. Industry or business			
20. Children born to this mother (not including this birth): 0		21. Mother's mailing address for registration notice: Prospect Hill, N.C.			
22. Was the blood of this child's mother tested for syphilis (a) During pregnancy? YES		23. Date 1-30-43			
(b) At delivery? YES		(c) If no test was made state reason therefor			
24. I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child who was born alive at the hour of 1:30 A.M. on the date above stated and that the information given was furnished by Mrs Howard related to the child as Mother					
25. Date on which given name added 1-30-43					
By Registrar					
Address Burlington, N.C.					

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE A CORRECT COPY OF ORIGINAL ON THIS DATE OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS, N. C. STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
J. H. HARRIS, JR. STATE REGISTRAR



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS VITAL RECORDS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

STATE FILE NUMBER **123-80-11660**

REGISTRAR'S NUMBER **35**

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

1. DECEASED—NAME First: Willie Middle: Rae Last: Howard			2. SEX Female		3. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year) July 22, 1980	
4. RACE (Specify White, Black, American Indian, etc.) White		5a. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 75 Years		ONLY IF UNDER 1 YEAR 5b. MOS. 5c. DAYS 5d. HOURS 5e. MINS		6. DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) 2/17/1905
7b. CITY OR TOWN OF DEATH Leakesville		7c. HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION—NAME (If not in either, give street address, route number, or other location) Greene County Hospital 214			7d. IF IN HOSP OR INST. SPECIFY INPT., OUTPT., EMER. RM., OR DOA Inpt.	
8. STATE OF BIRTH Miss.		9. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY USA		10. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) Widowed		11. SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife, give maiden name) None
13. ORIGIN OR DESCENT (Specify German, Cuban, Afro-American, Mexican, etc.) American		14. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 425-66-3226		15a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Kind of work done most of working life) House Wife		15b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Retired
16a. RESIDENCE—STATE Mississippi		16b. COUNTY Greene		16c. CITY OR TOWN Leakesville		16d. INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No) Yes
16e. STREET AND NUMBER OR RURAL LOCATION Texas Street						
17. FATHER—NAME First: Alvin Middle: Maples Last: Maples			18. MOTHER—NAME First: Anna Belle Middle: Woodard Maiden: Woodard			
19a. INFORMANT—NAME (Type or print) Mrs. Anna Maples Howard			19b. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and number or route and box number, City or town, State, ZIP code) 940 Santa Rose Bld. Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. 32548			
20a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial		20b. CEMETERY, CREMATORY—NAME Maples Cemetery		20c. LOCATION (City and State) Greene County Mississippi		21a. EMBALMER—SIGNATURE AND NUMBER J.M. Daughdrill 760
21b. FUNERAL HOME—NAME Freeman Funeral Home Inc.		21c. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and number or route and box number, City or town, State, ZIP code) P.O. Box 246, Leakesville, Miss. 39451				
22a. CERTIFIER—NAME (Type or print) ALVARO MORENO M.D.			22b. MAILING ADDRESS (Street and number or route and box number, City or town, State, ZIP code) P.O. Box 618 LEAKESVILLE, MS 39451			
23a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the causes stated. SIGNATURE: Alvaro Moreno MD 23b. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) July 22, 80 23c. HOUR OF DEATH 4:15 P. m.		24a. On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date, and place and due to the causes stated. SIGNATURE, TITLE: ON 24b. DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) ON 24c. HOUR OF DEATH AT		24d. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Month, Day, Year) AT 24e. PRONOUNCED DEAD (Hour) 10 hours		
25. PART I: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Enter one cause only) (a) Cardiac arrest. (b) Myocardial Infarction. (c) A.S.H.D.						
26. PART II: OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS—Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in PART I (a) gastroenteritis. Chronic H.T.I.						
27. AUTOPSY (Yes or No) NO		28. WAS CASE REFERRED TO MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER? (Yes or No) NO				
29a. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE, PENDING INVESTIGATION, OR UNDETERMINED (Specify) NO		29b. DATE OF INJURY (Month, Day, Year) NO		29c. HOUR OF INJURY NO		
29d. DESCRIBE HOW OR BY WHAT MEANS INJURY OCCURRED NO						
29e. INJURY AT WORK (Yes or No) NO		29f. PLACE OF INJURY (Specify Home, Farm, Street, Factory, Office building, etc.) NO		29g. LOCATION Street or route number City or town State		
30a. REGISTRAR SIGNATURE: Frances Byrd			30b. DATE CERTIFICATE RECEIVED (Month, Day, Year) 7-28-80			

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE.

Alton B. Cobb, M.D.
Alton B. Cobb, M.D.
STATE HEALTH OFFICER

May 5, 1983

David Lohrlich
David Lohrlich
STATE REGISTRAR



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS VITAL RECORDS

CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

REGISTRAR'S
NUMBER **1649**

STATE
FILE
NUMBER **123- 75 14824**

CHILD-NAME First Middle Last Latisha Kate Howard			DATE OF BIRTH (Month, Day, Year) May 13, 1975		HOUR 11:00 A.M.
SEX Female	THIS BIRTH—Single, Twin, Triplet, Etc. (Specify) Single		IF NOT SINGLE BIRTH, Born First, Second, Third, Etc. (Specify) First		COUNTY OF BIRTH Jackson
HOSPITAL OR CLINIC—NAME Singing River Hospital			CITY, TOWN OR LOCATION OF BIRTH Pascagoula		INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No) Yes
FATHER-NAME First Middle Last Samuel Joseph Howard			RACE White	AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH 32	STATE OF BIRTH (If Not in U.S.A., Name Country) North Carolina
MOTHER-NAME First Middle Last (Maiden Name) Beverly Sharon Pipkins			RACE White	AGE AT TIME OF THIS BIRTH 26	STATE OF BIRTH (If Not in U.S.A., Name Country) Alabama
RESIDENCE—STATE Mississippi	COUNTY Jackson	CITY OR TOWN Gautier	INSIDE CITY LIMITS (Specify Yes or No) No	STREET & NUMBER OR RURAL LOCATION Rt. 2, Box 26B	
MAILING ADDRESS—STREET & NUMBER OR RURAL LOCATION Rt. 2, Box 26-B			CITY OR TOWN Gautier	STATE Mississippi	ZIP NUMBER 39553
INFORMANT-NAME First Middle Last Beverly Sharon Howard			RELATION TO CHILD Mother		
SIGNATURE OF MOTHER The above record is correct <i>Beverly Sharon Howard</i>					
I certify that the above named child was born alive at the place & time & on the date stated above					
11a. SIGNATURE <i>Julius Bosco</i>		ATTENDANT—M.D., Midwife, Other (Specify) M.D.		DATE SIGNED (Month, Day, Year) May 21, 1975	
CERTIFIER-NAME (Type or Print) Julius Bosco		MAILING ADDRESS (Street or Route, City or Town, State, Zip) P.O. Box 2008 Pascagoula, Miss 39567			
REGISTRAR-NAME <i>Julius Barrett</i>		DATE RECEIVED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR Month Day Year June 7 1975			

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Alton B. Cobb, M.D.
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STATE HEALTH OFFICER

May 12, 1983

David Bohrisch
David Bohrisch
STATE REGISTRAR



NAME: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Windsor, VI

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

FAMILY
GROUP
RECORD

HUSBAND Andrew Houston Howard (Separated/Divorced) Lamar Co, MS

Born	Place	
Chr.	Place	
Marr.	Place	
Died	Place	
Bur.	Place	
HUSBAND'S FATHER		HUSBAND'S MOTHER
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES		

WIFE ELVA/ ELVIE F. Powell (Remarried Dewitt Ford)

Born	11 Sep 1897	Place	
Chr.	Jan 1917	Place	
Died		Place	
Bur.		Place	
WIFE'S FATHER		WIFE'S MOTHER	

WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS
② Dewitt T. Ford b. 11 Mar 1887 - d. 20 Apr 1958. Buried in Clear Creek Cem., Marion Co, MS

SEX	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED	
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
1	J.C. HOWARD SS# 425-24-6596	15	Jan	1913							20 Apr 1992
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION Clear Creek Cem Records p 82-83-84-85-86 "The records of the cemetery are good."	OTHER MARRIAGES
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Marion Co MS Marriages

Dec 11 1888 A. H. Howard married Francis Chadwick
Sep 6 1830 Levy Howard married Abigail/Alisa Lee Rowland

Howard Cemetery - Leman Co. MS

(Also 12 unmarked graves -)

Andrew H. Howard b. Jul 3 1862 died Jan 6, 1913

Frances Chadwick Howard b. Dec 25, 1867 died Oct Aug 1906.

Sartin P. Howard b. Mar 22, 1902 d. May 10, 1919

Mississippi Press

Monday, April 18, 2005

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HOWARD

Mrs. Toini Kosela Howard, 75, of Franklin Creek community Miss died April 16, 2005, in Pascagoula, Miss. She was born May 16, 1930, in the Pecan community, and was a life long resident of Jackson County. Ms. Howard was a homemaker, devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Mrs. Howard was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church and the Finnish Lutheran Historic Society.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Matti and Susan (Karhu) Koskela.

Survivors include her husband of 46 years, R. W. E.

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Transcription of Gulf Coast Heritage Tourism/ Finnish interview with Tanya Howard Hamilton, Finnish Lutheran Historical Foundation.

Transcribed by Reba Brown, SRGLH LA I

Tanya: Well Finland you know is next to Russia, which they went through several wars with Russia to win their independence. Finland is a very cold country. It can get dark at night 24 hours year-round so the people that come from there tend to be very hearty people and they like to fish and the timber industry and so that fit in with those who ended up coming to South Mississippi. It looks as though they came here in the early nineteen hundreds.

I think Gideon Laine, who was the manager of the Finnish Gulf Coast Land Company, came here in 1899 and then these other two gentlemen followed in 1901. They put together this pamphlet that gave an overview of the area. The temperatures the weather the cattle that could be raised here the vegetables, fruits, whatnot, and also about the fishing and then what I really love is the little map at the back of the pamphlet that shows the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the area that they were wanting for the Fins to colonize and that was called Swartwout, Mississippi which is now called Pecan area.

I put this on one of the Finnish Facebook pages a couple of years ago and it seems like the there are other pamphlets that were similar to this but in different areas of the country so I believe they were just trying to entice the Finnish people to these different areas but majority of them settled up in Michigan, and Minnesota, and Canada, the weather that they were more used to and so many other families ended up moving back up North because of the humidity and they found out how things mildewed here (Laughs) they didn't like that so.

Well my mother's parents, their names were Koskela, and there are several Koskela's still around in the area. My dad's mother was born here but her parents came from Finland and her maiden name was Lokso. The Waches* is another family that still here Koski's. I know, Saksa's, Maki's so there's yeah. Well I know my mother's name was Toini and I and her twin sister's name, although they call her Tiny, and Finnish it would be tuning and it's Thyne but you know so many of the Finnish names are kind of difficult for Americans to pronounce so I don't, I think they strayed away from those. (Laughs)

Well the most popular it would be the Finnish sweetbreads and the pulla which I know I'm not saying any more Finnish accent but yeah PULLA but everybody loved their Finnish sweetbreads.

Well Gideon Laine is the one who donated land for the church that that is on the- in Kreole at the time -Kreole at that point on the south side of the tracks was called Laine,

Mississippi now it's Kreole but it's a little one-room Church. The pews that are there are were handmade by the members and there is a pump organ there that's been there since 1912 and we still use it at Christmas you know when we have our Christmas carols.

This is the little charter where the church was originally chartered in 1904 and that's the Suomi-Synoodin and Suomi is the Finnish word for Finland so and my great-grandfather's name is on there, Johan Lokso, he was one of the charter members of the church.

At that time people didn't travel great distances to go to church so more of your local churches I think people attended and kind of swayed away from the Lutheran Church but this, at the time, they only had a Finnish minister that came twice a year. He would come for two weeks at a time, in the spring and in the fall, and have all the confirmations and the baptisms at that time and once a month they would meet in members' homes to have a little service you know whether they had a Finnish sermon that was mailed to them or a tape that they played, they would read scripture and they would sing songs so all of the members had these little song books that they would bring with them so it was yeah, as so it's like a Sunday-school songbook was what it was called but.

Finnish is a very difficult language but I think we all know our little phrases and words you know it we meet three times a year we have turned it into a Historical Society, the Finnish Lutheran Historical Society or Foundation of Kreole, Mississippi we did that in 1995 so we meet three times a year at the church. We have our March meeting which is like a business and membership meeting in October we have a picnic on the grounds and then the second Saturday in December we have our Christmas Silver Tea because when they did all their little meetings once a month they always called it silver tea but at Christmas which is *hauskaa jouluaon* a list of *onnellista uutta vuotta*, that's Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we have *joulupukki* who is Santa he usually comes. We like luminaries and place them on the graves which is a tradition they do in Finland, usually on Christmas Eve, to remember their loved ones but you know we do that during our meetings.

There's a graveyard next to the church that's kind of a little picture with the luminaries leading up to the church and so yeah there the cemetery is really pretty when it's lit up with the luminaries at night but I know a couple of weeks ago it was so odd to see our little church pop up on one of the Facebook pages because they had been to our website and saw that so different people passing through the area they find out about the church they want to stop in and see it so you know we're always happy to do that. The Finnish Lutheran Historical Foundation of Kreole, Mississippi.

Transcribers Note:

*I cannot attest for the accuracy of the spelling of this name.